

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for managing a combination of family-related matters and work-related matters, the method comprising the acts of:
- collecting personal information related to a family manager's personal life and work information related to the family manager's work life at a host computer;
- 10 communicating the personal information and the work information from the host computer to a first device dedicated to the family manager;
- communicating only the personal information from the host computer to at least one second device dedicated to at least one person in a personal sphere of the family manager;
- 15 and
- communicating only the work information from the host to at least one third device dedicated to at least one person in a work sphere of the family manager.
- 20 2. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the host computer comprises a private host computer.

3. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the host computer comprises a public host computer.

5 4. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the host computer comprises a single host computer.

10 5. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the host computer comprises at least two host computers.

15 6. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the devices comprise e-mail capability.

7. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the devices comprise calendaring capability.

20 8. The method, as set forth in claim 7, wherein the first device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information comprising at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

9. The method, as set forth in claim 7, wherein the at least one second device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information comprising at least one of a daily personal calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

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10. The method, as set forth in claim 7, wherein the at least one third device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information comprising at least one of a daily work calendar, a weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

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11. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the devices comprise computing capability.

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12. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of the devices comprise a personal digital assistant.

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13. The method, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the acts of communicating are performed via an Internet link.

14. A method for managing a combination of family-related matters and work-related matters, the method comprising the acts of:

collecting personal information related to a first family manager's personal life and work

information related to the first family manager's work life at a first host computer;

communicating the personal information and the work information related to the first family

manager from the first host computer to a first device dedicated to the first family

manager;

communicating only the personal information related to the first family manager from the

first host computer to at least one second device dedicated to at least one person in a

personal sphere of the first family manager;

communicating only the work information related to the first family manager from the first

hub to at least one third device dedicated to at least one person in a work sphere of

the first family manager;

collecting personal information related to a second family manager's personal life and work

information related to the second family manager's work life at a second host

computer;

communicating the personal information and the work information related to the second family manager from the second host computer to a fourth device dedicated to the second family manager;

5 communicating only the personal information related to the second family manager from the second host computer to at least one fifth device dedicated to at least one person in a personal sphere of the second family manager;

10 communicating only the work information related to the second family manager from the second host computer to at least one sixth device dedicated to at least one person in a work sphere of the second family manager;

communicating the personal information related to the first family manager to the fourth device; and

15 communicating the personal information related to the second family manager to the first device.

20 15. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein at least one of the host computers comprises a private host computer.

16. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein at least one of the host computers comprises a public host computer.

5 17. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the first host computer comprises a single host computer.

10 18. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the first host computer comprises at least two host computers.

15 19. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the second host computer comprises a single host computer.

20 20. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the second host computer comprises at least two host computers.

21. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the first host computer and the second host computer comprise the same computer.

22. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the first host computer and the second host computer comprise different computers.

5 23. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the devices comprise e-mail capability.

10 24. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the devices comprise calendaring capability.

15 25. The method, as set forth in claim 24, wherein the first device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information related to the first family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

20 26. The method, as set forth in claim 24, wherein the fourth device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information related to the second family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

27. The method, as set forth in claim 24, wherein the at least one second device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information related to the first family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily personal calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

28. The method, as set forth in claim 24, wherein the at least one fifth device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information related to the second family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily personal calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

29. The method, as set forth in claim 24, wherein the at least one third device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information related to the first family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily work calendar, a weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

30. The method, as set forth in claim 24, wherein the at least one sixth device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information related to the second family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily work calendar, a weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

31. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the devices comprise computing capability.

5 32. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein at least one of the devices comprise a personal digital assistant.

10 33. The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein the acts of communicating are performed via an Internet link.

15 34. A method for managing a combination of family-related matters and work-related matters, the method comprising the acts of:

communicating personal information related to a family manager's personal life from at

least one first device to a host computer;

communicating work information related to the family manager's work life from at least

20 one second device to the host computer; and

communicating the personal information and the work information from the host computer
to a third device dedicated to the family manager.

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35. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the host computer comprises a private
host computer.

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36. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the host computer comprises a public
host computer.

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37. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the host computer comprises a single
host computer.

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38. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the host computer comprises at least
two host computers.

39. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the devices comprise e-mail
capability.

40. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the devices comprise calendaring capability.

5 41. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the third device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information comprising at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

10 42. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the at least one first device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information comprising at least one of a daily personal calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

15 43. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the at least one second device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information comprising at least one of a daily work calendar, a weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

20 44. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the devices comprise computing capability.

45. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein at least one of the devices comprises a personal digital assistant.

5 46. The method, as set forth in claim 34, wherein the acts of communicating are performed via an Internet link.

10 47. A method for managing a combination of family-related matters and work-related matters, the method comprising the acts of:

communicating personal information related to a first family manager's personal life from at least one first device to a first host computer;

15 communicating work information related to the first family manager's work life from at least one second device to the first host computer;

communicating the personal information and the work information related to the first family manager from the first host computer to a third device dedicated to the first family manager;

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communicating personal information related to a second family manager's personal life
from at least one fourth device to a second host computer;

communicating work information related to the second family manager's work life from at
least one fifth device to the second host computer;

communicating the personal information and the work information related to the second
family manager from the second host computer to a sixth device dedicated to the
second family manager;

communicating the personal information related to the first family manager to the sixth
device; and

communicating the personal information related to the second family manager to the third
device.

48. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein at least one of the host computers
comprises a private host computer.

49. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein at least one of the host computers comprises a public host computer.

5 50. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the first host computer comprises a single host computer.

10 51. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the first host computer comprises at least two host computers.

15 52. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the second host computer comprises a single host computer.

20 53. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the second host computer comprises at least two host computers.

54. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the first host computer and the second host computer comprise the same computer.

55. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the first host computer and the second host computer comprise different computers.

5 56. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the devices comprise e-mail capability.

10 57. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the devices comprise calendaring capability.

15 58. The method, as set forth in claim 57, wherein the third device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information related to the first family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

20 59. The method, as set forth in claim 57, wherein the sixth device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information related to the second family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

5 60. The method, as set forth in claim 57, wherein the at least one first device comprises
at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information related to the first family
manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily personal calendar, a
weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

10 61. The method, as set forth in claim 57, wherein the at least one fourth device
comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information related to the second
family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily personal
calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

15 62. The method, as set forth in claim 57, wherein the at least one second device
comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information related to the first
family manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily work calendar, a
weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

20 63. The method, as set forth in claim 57, wherein the at least one fifth device comprises
at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information related to the second family
manager, wherein the at least one calendar comprises at least one of a daily work calendar, a
weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

64. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the devices comprise computing capability.

5 65. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein at least one of the devices comprise a personal digital assistant.

10 66. The method, as set forth in claim 47, wherein the acts of communicating are performed via an Internet link.

15 67. A method for managing a combination of family-related matters and work-related matters, the method comprising the acts of:

collecting personal information related to a family manager's personal life and work

information related to the family manager's work life at a host computer, the host computer maintaining a barrier between the personal information and the work information;

20 communicating the personal information and the work information from the host computer

only to a first device dedicated to the family manager;

communicating only the personal information from the host computer to at least one second
device dedicated to at least one person in a personal sphere of the family manager;
and

5 communicating only the work information from the host computer to at least one third
device dedicated to at least one person in a work sphere of the family manager.

10 68. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the host computer comprises a private
host computer.

15 69. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the host computer comprises a public
host computer.

70. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the host computer comprises a single
host computer.

20 71. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the host computer comprises at least
two host computers.

72. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the devices comprise e-mail capability.

5 73. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the devices comprise calendaring capability.

10 74. The method, as set forth in claim 73, wherein the first device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information comprising at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

15 75. The method, as set forth in claim 73, wherein the at least one second device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information comprising at least one of a daily personal calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

20 76. The method, as set forth in claim 73, wherein the at least one third device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information comprising at least one of a daily work calendar, a weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

77. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the devices comprise computing capability.

5 78. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein at least one of the devices comprise a personal digital assistant.

10 79. The method, as set forth in claim 67, wherein the acts of communicating are performed via an Internet link.

15 80. A method for managing a combination of family-related matters and work-related matters, the method comprising the acts of:

communicating personal information related to a family manager's personal life from at

least one first device to a host computer;

communicating work information related to the family manager's work life from at least

20 one second device to the host computer;

forming a barrier between the personal information and the work information;

communicating the personal information and the work information from the host computer

only to a third device dedicated to the family manager;

communicating only the personal information from the host computer to the first device;

and

communication only the work information from the host computer to the second device.

81. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the host computer comprises a private host computer.

82. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the host computer comprises a public host computer.

83. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the host computer comprises a single host computer.

84. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the host computer comprises at least two host computers.

5 85. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the devices comprise e-mail capability.

10 86. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the devices comprise calendaring capability.

15 87. The method, as set forth in claim 86, wherein the third device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to the merger of personal information and work information comprising at least one of a daily merged calendar, a weekly merged calendar, and a monthly merged calendar.

20 88. The method, as set forth in claim 86 wherein the at least one first device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the personal information comprising at least one of a daily personal calendar, a weekly personal calendar, and a monthly personal calendar.

89. The method, as set forth in claim 86, wherein the at least one second device comprises at least one calendar corresponding to only the work information comprising at least one of a daily work calendar, a weekly work calendar, and a monthly work calendar.

90. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the devices comprise computing capability.

91. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein at least one of the devices comprise a personal digital assistant.

92. The method, as set forth in claim 80, wherein the acts of communicating are performed via an Internet link.